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SUBJ: TRAVEL OF DR. HYMAN BASS

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1. FOLLOWING REFTEL AND VISIT OF DEAN SOULEYMANE NIANG, FACULTY OF SCIENCES, UNIVERSITY OF DAKAR, TO NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION ON SEPTEMBER 6, 1974, NSF SOUGHT OPPORTUNITY BROADEN US-SENEGAL SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGE, BELIEVES EXCELLENT START POSSIBLE WITH DAKAR VISIT OF DR. BASS IN MAY 1975.

2. BRIEF BIODATA: DR. HYMAN BASS, PROFESSOR OF MATHEMATICS, COLUMBIA UNIV. NEW YORK 10027. BORN TEXAS 1932, PH.D. CHICAGO 1959. LECTURE AND RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS IN FRANCE, MEXICO, INDIA, ARGENTINA, U.K. NUMBEROUS INVITED LECTURES AND PRIZES, MOST RECENTLY AMERICAN MATH. SOCIETY COLE PRIZE IN ALGEBRA 1975. MEMBER EDITORIAL BOARDS FIVE MATH JOURNALS. PAST CHAIRMAN U.S. NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL ADVISORY CTE ON PURE MATHEMATICS. FLUENT IN FRENCH. INTERESTS: TEACHING AND RESEARCH IN MATHEMATICS; ALGEBRAIC K-THEORY, NUMBER THEORY, GROUP THEORY, ALGEBRAIC GEOMATRY. FYI THESE INTERESTS VERY CLOSE TO THOSE OF DEAN
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3. DR. BASS PLANS PROFESSIONAL VISIT EUROPE MAY 11 TO SUMMER 1975 UNDER NSF GRANT. HE IS AVAILABLE TO VISIT DAKAR DURING MAY 18-29 TO LECTURE AND EXCHANGE IDEAS. DAKAR ACADEMIC TERM ENDS MAY 30. LESS DESIRABLE ALTERNATIVE IS 2-DAY VISIT STARTING JUNE 11 OR 17.

4. EMBASSY KINDLY (A) DETERMINE ACCEPTABILITY BASS'S VISIT AND PREFERRED DATES, (B) DETERMINE IF POSSIBLE WHETHER UNIV. WISHES TO PICK UP LOCAL COSTS, OTHERWISE NSF COULD UNDERWRITE AIR TRAVEL AND PER DIEM, (C) INFORM DEAN NIANG THAT DURING MAY VISIT DR. BASS NEEDS TIME FOR RESEARCH, WOULD NOT WANT TOO HEAVY LECTURE SCHEDULE, (D) REQUEST DEAN NIANG TO SEND INVITATION TO DR. BASS ASAP, (E) CABLE RESULTS TO NSF SOONEST TO MEET FUNDING DEADLINES, (F) POUCH COPY OF INVITATION TO NSF. INGERSOLL

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